

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable matter contained in claims 1-10 and 12-15.

Claims 9 and 13-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being definite. In response, Applicant has amended claims 9 and 13 as suggested by the Examiner. Although Applicant believes that "application" is sufficiently defined as "application 18" on page 14 of Applicant's specification, Applicant has nevertheless amended claim 13 and the specification to clarify that "application 18" is an "application unit 18" in order to facilitate prosecution, and the scope of the claim remains unchanged.


Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Doeringer et al. (5,361,256). In response, Applicant amended claim 11 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 12. Accordingly, the rejection is now moot.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that this Application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

GREER, BURNS & CRAIN, LTD.

By


Joseph P. Fox

Registration No. 41,760

June 30, 2004

300 South Wacker Drive - Suite 2500
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Telephone: (312) 360-0080
Facsimile: (312) 360-9315
Customer Number 24978